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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1481

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1030

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: CISCO II

REF: KHARTOUM 1022

1. AMBASSADOR SAW MININT ABU ZAYD NOON APRIL 10 TO
CALL HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION TO DISTURBING AP REPORT
(STATE 86635). AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN AT ADDED

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/SLAQSYT COMPIOYGB (#)

FAMILIES OF HOSTAGES, EVEN

THOUGH WE HAD JUST LEARNED FROM PUBLIC SECURITY THAT IT
PROBABLY BASELESS. ABU ZAYD SAID HE COULD APPRECIATE SUCH REACTION
ON PART RELATIVES BUT REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT CISCO 2 WOULD
BE RELEASED. ONE OF PROBLEMS HAD BEEN DESIRE OF PLF
MILITARY TO BE CERTAIN THAT RELEASE ACTION WHICH GOS
PRESSING THEM TO TAKE WOULD NOT SOMEHOW REBOUND TO

CREDIT OF PLF FOREIGN MISSION UNDER SABBE OR ENHANCE
LATTER'S POSITION AT EXPENSE PLF MILITARY. AMBASSADOR
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COMMENTED WASHINGTON FULLY AWARE OF PLF CIVILIAN/

MILITARY SPLIT AND KNEW WHICH FACTION WAS HOLDING CISCO 2. SABBE GROUP COULD HARDLY GET CREDIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S HUMANITARIAN ACTION. ABU ZAYD COMMENTED THAT HEADQUARTERS PLF FOREIGN MISSION WOULD SHORTLY BE TRANSFERRED FROM BEIRUT TO KARTOUM, DUE TO LEBANESE SITUATION, AND IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR GOS TO KEEP THEM UNDER CONTROL THEREAFTER.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE SERVES TO EMPHASIZE OUR STRONG VIEW THAT ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS CONTACT SABBE GROUP WOULD HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT FROM THAT INTENDED.

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NOTE BY OC/T: KHARTOUM 1030 (#)AS RECEIVED. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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